

"We Made the Canal"

JOHN HAY

I am the Secretary of State for the United States.
I represented the United States in the treaty negotiations.
The Hay Bunau-Varilla Treaty gives the U.S. many sweet advantages.
I negotiated with Philippe before other representatives from Panama arrived.
I am sorry if the Panamanians feel we gained too much from the treaty. We will treat them well.
Panama did gain its independence! They should be happy.
I am not in the best of health and my irritation with those who oppose this deal increases daily.
I have been so angry at times with politicians when "...no one out of a mad house could fail to see that the advantages were all on our side."
The treaty grants the use of the Canal in perpetuity. I love the word, perpetuity!
We were helpful to the Panamanians and wrote their constitution for them.

PHILIPPE BUNAU-VARILLA

I negotiated the Treaty for Panama.
It does not matter that I am French, not really Panamanian.
I love my title, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.
I worked with great persistence to assure the United States of the best canal deal.
Panama will receive \$10,000,000 and annual payments of \$250,000 from the United States as payment for the Canal.
The United States has the right to protect the Canal with police, land, and naval forces.
I really did not want the Canal to go through Nicaragua! It is financially pleasing for me to locate the Canal in Panama.
Colombia should get over the fact that Panama has its independence!
My wife sewed the first Panamanian flag.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Some say I used "cowboy diplomacy" to get the Canal in Panama. What's wrong with that?
"If ever a Government could be said to have received a mandate from civilization...the United States holds that position with regard to the interoceanic canal."
I say "let the dirt fly."
Philippe Bunau-Varilla is "...a very able fellow..."
"It is not what we have that will make us a great nation; it is the way in which we use it."
"I took the Canal Zone and let Congress debate; and while the debate goes on, the canal does also."
"Speak softly and carry a big stick you will go far."
We did not know that Panama was engaged in rebellion against Colombia.